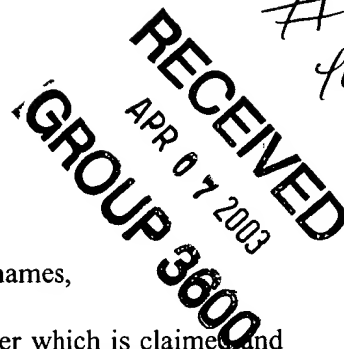




DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION



As a below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names,

We believe we are original, first and the only joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled:

FLOOR JOIST RETAINER AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

the specification of which
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_____ is attached hereto.
X was filed on September 15, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/662,718.
and was amended on March 11, 2002 and October 11, 2002.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

We believe original U.S. Patent No. 5,806,274 to be wholly or partially inoperative or invalid because it claims more or less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent. We believe that independent claims 1 and 5 from original U.S. Patent No. 5,806,274 contain limitations which are not necessary to distinguish the prior art.

All errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or any reissue patent issued thereon.

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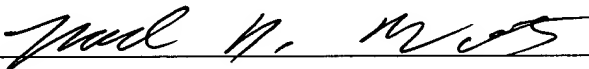
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